

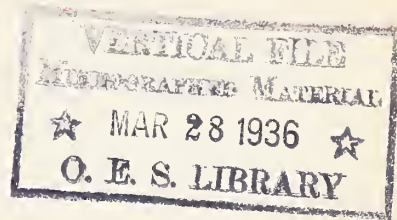
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GETTING A START ON SPRING SEWING

What's going to be needed by way of wardrobe replenishment or repair this spring? Warm days are just around the corner, and they may come suddenly. The forehanded mother sees that each member of her family has at least one wearable outfit ready for street or school when the mercury soars. It need not be new, but it should be fresh, pressed, and presentable. The main point is to begin soon enough so that no one is slighted and the sewing is not rushed.

First we should arrange a good place to keep sewing equipment and partly finished work. Spare hours may then be utilized to get ahead with machine sewing and spare minutes for pick-up work, for most of us have to fit our sewing around and after the routine work of the home. A separate sewing-room is a luxury most women dream of but seldom achieve. However, a good substitute is a sewing corner where everything can be kept together. One woman used a screen to hide her sewing corner, fitted the reverse side with pockets for patterns and small articles she needed for her work, and put a hook on it for hanging up partly finished dresses.

Then, the sewing machine should be cleaned, oiled, needle supply checked, the belt made sufficiently tight, and the machine tried to see if it is in good running order. An extra iron, ironing board, and pressing pads might be kept nearby. A tailor's ham is a big help for pressing armholes and curved seams.

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It is an oval shaped pillow about 12 inches long and from 6 to 2 inches wide, stuffed with sawdust or shredded scraps of cloth. A press roll is good for pressing seams open. It is made by covering a tightly rolled magazine or a piece of broomstick with clean muslin washed free of starch. A basting brick is an ordinary brick, padded and covered, to pin work to. These are all useful and easy to make.

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